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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. 38-21(15367)C

First Inventor BYRUM, et al.

Title Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification (Total Pages)
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☐ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets
5. Oath or Declaration (Total Pages
 - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☒ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☒ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ paper
 - c. ☒ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No: 09 / 306,349

Prior application information: Examiner Michael Borin

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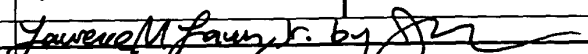
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Re: U.S. Continuation Application
Appl. No.: To Be Assigned
Filed: Herewith
For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
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Inventors: BYRUM, *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 38-21(15367)C

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Non-Provisional Application entitled:

Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

and naming as inventors:

Joseph R. Byrum, Thomas J. La Rosa and Gregory R. Heck

the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
 - (i) 89 pages of a description prior to the claims;
 - (ii) 2 pages of claims (7 claims); and
 - (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
3. a Statement Regarding Sequence Submission;
4. a Sequence Listing on CD-ROM identified as "Sequence Listing Copy 1;"
5. a Sequence Listing on CD-ROM identified as "Sequence Listing Copy 2;"

6. the sequence listing in computer readable form (*i.e.*, CRF);
7. a Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (PTO/SB/35);
8. Preliminary Amendment;
9. a copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application of Joseph R. Byrum filed in parent appln. no. 09/306,349 (3 pages);
10. a copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application of Thomas J. La Rosa filed in parent appln. no. 09/306,349 (3 pages);
11. a copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application of Gregory R. Heck filed in parent appln. no. 09/306,349 (3 pages);
12. Information Disclosure Statement;
13. PTO Form-1449 (3 pages) with 8 accompanying documents;
14. check No. 139715 in the amount of \$710 to cover the basic continuation filing fee; and
15. two (2) return postcards.

Submitted herewith is a sequence listing and a sequence listing in CD-ROM, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.52(e), 1.77, and 1.823.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

This application is a continuation of prior application no. 09/306,349 filed on May 10, 1999.

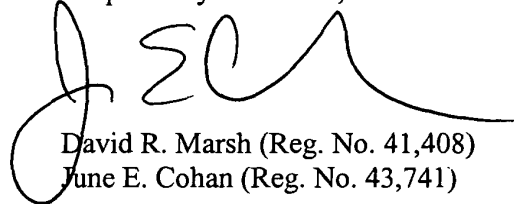
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JSC', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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Atty Docket Number	38-21(15367)C

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Sept 24, 2001
Date

Lawrence M. Lavin, Jr.
by June E. Cohan
Signature

Lawrence M. Lavin, Jr. (Reg. No. 30,768)
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